## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A part for casting comprising base paper for paper tubing and containing an organic fiber, an inorganic fiber, and a binder, the base paper being converted into a tube, the inorganic fiber being carbon fiber whose content is 1 to 40 parts by weight, and the total weight of the organic fiber, the carbon fiber, and the binder being taken as 100 parts weight.

- (Original) The part for easting according to claim 1, wherein the base paper for paper tubing is wound into a tube.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The part for casting according to claim 1, comprising 10 to 70 parts by weight of the organic fiber, 1 to [[80]] 40 parts by weight of the inorganic carbon fiber, and 10 to 85 parts by weight of the binder, the total weight of the organic fiber, the inorganic carbon fiber, and the binder being taken as 100 parts by weight.
- (Original) The part for casting according to claim 1, wherein the binder comprises at least two binders having different melting points.
- (Original) The part for casting according to claim 1, wherein the binder consists of an organic binder and/or an inorganic binder.
- (Original) The part for easting according to claim 5, wherein the inorganic binder is a compound mainly comprising SiO<sub>2</sub>.

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(Original) The part for casting according to claim 1, wherein the organic fiber is paper

fiber.

8. (Original) A method for casting production which uses the part for casting according to

claim 1, the part for casting being disposed in casting sand.

9. (Currently Amended) A process of producing a part for casting, which is for

producing the part for easting according to claim 1, comprising the steps of making base paper

for paper tubing by papermaking using a slurry containing at least the organic fiber and the

inorganic fiber, converting the base paper into a spiral-wound paper tube by winding the base

paper in a helix pattern, and incorporating the binder into the paper tube.

10. (Original) The process of producing a part for casting according to claim 9, wherein

the binder is an organic binder, and the step of incorporating the binder into the paper tube is

impregnation.

11. (Original) The process of producing a part for casting according to claim 10, wherein

the slurry further contains the inorganic binder.

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